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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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RETENTION OF SAMPLES OF PETROL AND DIESEL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the retention sample of petrol and diesel is handed over to the dealers for getting the same tested on payment in case of doubt/failure of samples is reported by laboratory;

(b) if not, the need for giving the retention samples i.e. third sample to the dealers;

(c) whether the investing agencies and sample drawing authorities are required and duty bound to get the reference sample available on petrol pumps for matching the test results as per the recent directions and decisions;

(d) if not, the importance of keeping the reference samples; and

(e) the time by which directions to oil companies shall be issued in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b) : The Oil Industry have adopted a 3 tier sampling procedure to isolate and thereby pinpoint the origin of adulteration, which would enable to safeguard the interest of unerring dealers. The dealer should retain 2 X 1 Litre MS (Motor Spirit) and/or 1 X 1 Litre HSD (High Speed Diesel) samples with him and handover, against payment, 2 X 1 litres MS and/or 1 X 1 Litre HSD samples to the tank truck driver/representative of the transporter for retention by the transporter. The sample(s) so retained by the dealer will be called as `Retained Tank Truck Samples`. The dealer shall retain these samples until next two loads are received in the respective underground tanks at the retail outlet.

On request of the dealer, retention sample of MS/HSD handed over to dealer can be tested with the approval of the competent authority.

(c) to (e) : Supply locations, on daily basis, collect and retained samples of MS/HSD of the tank(s) from which the product is supplied on that day. As and when any sample is drawn from the retail outlet and sent for testing, the `Retained Tank Truck Sample` of the last supply which was drawn and retained by the dealer and the reference sample of the supply location are also needed to be retained and sent for testing. This procedure facilitates to identify the point of adulteration and to initiate action against the erring dealer/transporter.